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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

FURUTA, TOSHIO

Examiner

Le H. Luu

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09/11/03 - 01/26/07.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-29 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4,6,12-15,17,21-24 and 26 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 5,7-11,16,18-20,25 and 27-29 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

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- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 11 September 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 09/11/03-01/26/07.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

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1. Claims 1-29 are presented for examination.
2. The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.
3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. § 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

or

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

or

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000.

Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

4. Claims 1-4, 6, 12-15, 17, 21-24, and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) and 102(e) as being anticipated by Schiavone et al. (Schiavone) Pub. No. 2002/0120748.

5. As to claim 1, Schiavone teaches the invention as claimed, including a submission data managing system comprising:

a submission data storing unit which stores a submission data and a class data, wherein said submission data is submitted by any one of members in an electronic forum, and said class data indicates any one of classes to which said submission data belongs (pages 3-4, paragraphs [0022 – 0023, 0028, 0031, and 0039]);

a list screen supplying unit which outputs a list screen data to a terminal of said one of members, in response to a request for said list screen data from said terminal, wherein said list screen data indicates a list of said submission data in said one of classes stored in said submission data storing unit (pages 3-4, paragraph [0031]); and

a submission data supplying unit which outputs said submission data to said terminal, in response to a request for said submission data selected from said list from said terminal (pages 3-4, paragraph [0031]),

wherein said class data is supplied with said submission data, said submission data storing unit relates said submission data to said class data while storing said submission data and said class data (pages 3-4, paragraphs [0022 – 0023, 0028, 0031,

and 0039])).

6. As to claims 2-3, Schiavone teaches said submission data storing unit receives said submission data with said class data through an electronic mail; said submission data storing unit judges said class data by referring to a data in a subject field of said electronic mail (page 3, paragraphs [0022 - 0023]).

As to claims 4 and 6, Schiavone teaches said list screen supplying unit generates and outputs an input screen data indicating an input screen displayed on said terminal which urges said member to input said submission data and said class data; said list screen supplying unit outputs a list screen link data to said terminal, in response to a request for said list screen link from said terminal, said list screen link data includes link to said list screen data. (pages 3-4, paragraph [0023, 0039]).

7. Claims 12-15, 17, 21-24, and 26 have similar limitations as claims 1-4 and 6; therefore, they are rejected under the same rationale.

8. Claims 5, 7-11, 16, 18-20, 25, and 27-29 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Le H. Luu whose telephone number is 571-272-3884.

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The examiner can normally be reached on 7:00am - 4:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rupal Dharia can be reached on 571-272-3880. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Le Hien Luu', is written over a horizontal line.

LE HIEN LUU
PRIMARY EXAMINER